But in the precious letter he told me that he had found G. affinis (of which he enclosed a dried specimen). As it will now be too late for me to write to him at the "Empire City", I just mention this, – not having been aware that G. frigida was a native of America. We have a few plants of it from the Tyrol, or rather Styria.

I am much pleased with his letter & the pkt of Mertensia sibirica.

Could Dr Kellogg get seeds of Picea amabilis, P. lasiocarpa, & P. nobilis? or Wellingtonia seed? or Abies Pattoni or A. Hookeri, or P. magnifica. I see 3 Echeverias mentioned in California, any of these would be worth procuring: also any Cacti (hardy Echinocacti? or Opuntias). Does he know any Piquieras?

York 8/10 mo '72

Dear Dr Gray

I have sent today 6 sq. yds of the Gutta percha paper for F. W. Loring Esq to take: writing to him by same post. Dr Parry says that he has received none! I regret this, but it will now be too late for me to send any to him. Perhaps he may be able to avail himself of a portion of that which I now send by Mr Loring.

Many, many thanks for the seeds which have come safely to hand.

I send the bag of Argemone hispida to Wm Thompson at once! It is a good thing, I have no doubt; but I do not wish at all to stand in his "way", & it is

quite right to send all of one thing to one party. I am extremely obliged for the seed of the Aquilegia Eplocera v. flava. In such a case it is a great favour to send any of it to me, & I had not need complain of some going to M. Decaisne, & to Dr Hooker! I naturally "mourn" over the roots of Silene Bolanderi! but trust Dr Kellogg will be able to procure a few more. I do not quite understand whether he sends the Silene californica? I suppose we may safely call the Erythronium which he sends "E. giganteum", & say that it is the one figured in the Bot. Mag.

My last letter enclosed £80. including £50 for Dr Parry, & £30 as wished for, for Dr Kellogg. I think it would be well to write & ask Dr K. whether the Erythroniums are white, yellow, or purple? For though they may be one species, they are distinct for Horticultural purposes, & it wd be a great advantage to know what colour our roots are.

I am sure that I ought to contribute towards the cost of my trip to California. I never intended the £10 to be sent mainly to other people! I therefore purpose, when sending the next £50 for Dr Parry, to add £20 for my acceptance. Dr Parry writes me that he has sent (among other things) 100 roots of Gentiana frigida.

I have recently rec'd a very fine Pinguicula from the Pyrenees — P. longifolia with spread of leaves 12 to 20 inches across! At least individual leaves were 10 in. long when partially withered or decomposed.

Very sincerely thy friend

Jas Backhouse